

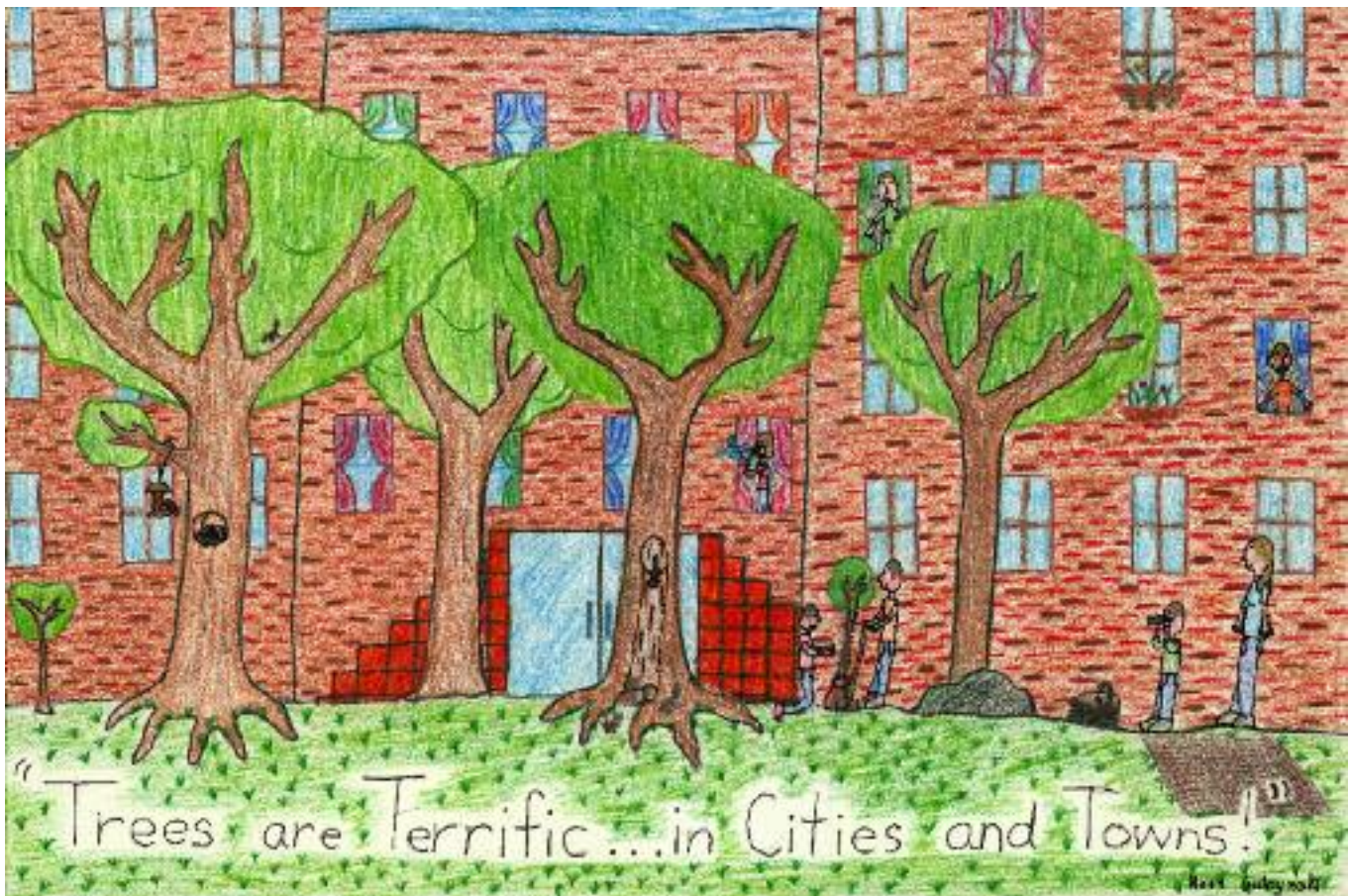
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My Favorite Tree: the Mystery

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My favorite tree is all sticky.
It makes my fingers all icky.
I don't have leaves but I'm a tree.
I am green and poky.
I am green all year long.
I have ancestors that are long long gone.
I get climbed every now and then.
I grow really high.
Sometimes I feel like I'm in the sky.
Birds make nests on me, but I don't care.
I live here and there.
I live everywhere.
Have you figured out what I am?
I am the pine tree.
That's what I am.

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day	5	6 Raspberry season has begun, and blueberries aren't far behind. Watch for black bears looking for a snack near berry patches.	7	8 Can you name five trees native to Wisconsin?	9	10 Butterfly weed in bloom.	
11 Painted turtles begin to hatch.	12	13 Yellow sweet clover blooms. When the leaves are crushed they smell like freshly-mowed hay.	14 Look for monarch caterpillars on milkweed foliage. They are sometimes called the "milkweed butterfly" because larvae eat the plant for nourishment.	15	16 Have a picnic in the shade of your favorite tree.	17	
18 Loons can be seen and heard on northern lakes.	19	20 Humans land on the moon (1969).	21 Trees are tasty treats! Ice cream uses a part of the tree called cellulose to make it thick, smooth and creamy.	22 Wild Parsnip in bloom – beware!	23	24 It's true! Only male crickets chirp.	
25	26 Full (Buck) Moon Walking sticks are abundant . . . if you can spot them!	27	28 Make it a rule to keep lawn mowers and bikes away from trees.	29 Deer antlers are reaching their peak size.	30	31	

White Pine (Pinus strobus)

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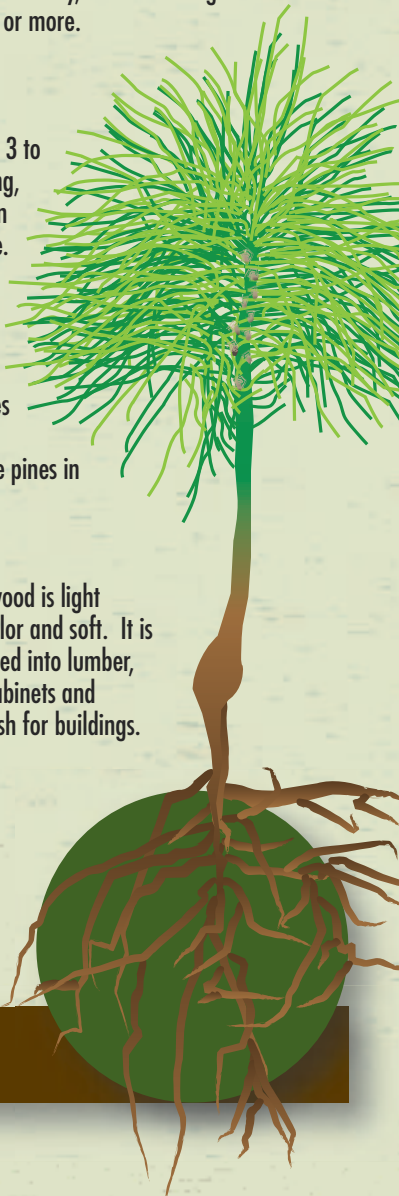
The White pine's straight trunk, pyramidal form and soft gray-green foliage make it one of the most majestic trees in the state. The crown is composed of numerous whorls of ascending branches that are plume-like and graceful in outline. At maturity, it reaches heights of 100 feet or more.

Leaf

White pine needles are 3 to 5 inches long, bluish-green and flexible. They occur in bundles of 5, which distinguishes them from other native pines in Wisconsin.

Wood

The tree's wood is light brown in color and soft. It is manufactured into lumber, windows, cabinets and interior finish for buildings.



Fruit

The White pine produces *cones* that are 4 to 6 inches long and cylindrical, with thin, resinous scales. Each cone contains two small winged seeds. Cones mature in August or September of the second season.

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